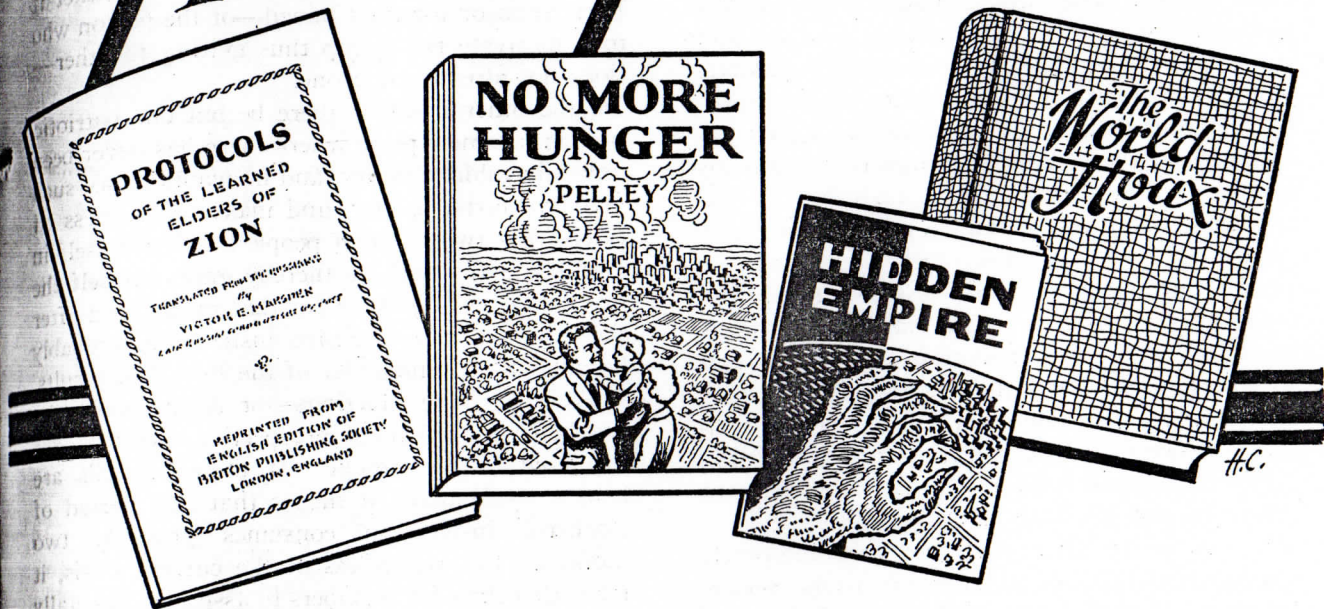


The 4 Primers



What New Silvershirts Should Know about Councils of Safety

ALL OVER America are thousands of sterling people who would willingly join the Silvershirts if they only knew the details of what it entailed. They agree that patriotic Gentiles must get together fast. But what to do after getting together is a confusion in their thinking.

The Chief of the Silvershirts saw plainly that this sort of thing would happen. Exactly the people who two years ago were scoffing at the enlightenment in Silvershirt literature, crying: "It can't happen here!" are precisely the persons now running about in circles, gulping half-baked information and getting indigestion, expecting that putting their names to applications for Legion membership should make them skilled antagonists of America's despoilers, and clamoring for

"Action!" that is simply bred of panic.

The fact, however, that these people are now face to face with Crisis, and willing to listen to reason and instruction, is by no means any warrant that they are worth their shot as Silvershirts. They must take a swift, intensive training. They must be willing to sit quietly for a period and listen while someone beats the fundamentals of this Movement into their scared heads. Furthermore, now that times for action are close, they must be put under a brief period of observation by older and proven Silvershirts, to determine whether they mean business, have the stamina to carry through, or are merely excitable lightweights or spies for subversionists.

The provision made for the induction of entirelv

new people into this movement is the *Council of Safety*, and not the Post or Chapel. This is how it works—

Newcomers, even prospective leaders, into the Silvershirts are by no means qualified to go into Posts at once. They would know nothing of Post procedure, why Posts are necessary, what they are supposed to do, and Post members themselves have small time to give to training these rookies. By virtue of their earlier and comprehensive enlightenment, the veteran Post members are ready to get to business, and scores upon scores of new members admitted promiscuously would only clutter up Post machinery and slow down its work. Furthermore, the new Post member who doesn't know "what it's all about" is nine out of ten times an objector and troublemaker, in that he finds himself drawn into something he doesn't understand. He should have been given a compact instruction before he ever got admitted to a Post, and allowed time to consider and back out before he got his Red L.

The prospective Silvershirt who is wholesomely sincere, should first of all borrow from the Scribe-Librarian of his local Post, the *Four Primers of Intelligence!* He must take time out and actually read these Primers. They consist of four booklets, to be read in the following order: "The Hidden Empire," "The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion," "The World Hoax," and "No More Hunger." The Four Primers may be borrowed from the Post library for such reading, by responsible parties, or they may be acquired in a *Sponsor's Packet* from Headquarters of the Legion, Box 1776, Asheville, N. C. If bought separately, these four booklets would cost a total of \$2.50. In a *Sponsor's Packet* they cost \$2 net. They will be sent on consignment, however, to individuals who mean business and who will collect the \$2 later from attendants upon his Council. As fast as each booklet is read, it can be passed on to the next candidate for Council and Post membership. If any prospective member wishes to keep the Primers and have them handy for reference, he may do so by sending \$2 to Headquarters and a new set will be shipped to the Sponsor as substitute.

When three to nine prospective Silvershirts have made a grim reading of the material in those four Primers, so that they know exactly what internal conditions in this nation are—which the Silvershirts are organized to fight—they should gather together in the home of one of their number and

form a Council. They form this Council by signing their names and addresses to a Council Application Blank that goes out with the Manual, *A Million Silvershirts* by 1939, and which is usually included free in the Sponsor's Packet if such Sponsor for the Council—or the person who may motivate the group thus getting together—does not already own one.

On the other hand, if there be but one patriotic person in a new place where there has never been any Silvershirt activity, and he wants to see such activity started going, and makes a business of interesting two to eight people besides himself in forming a Council, he thereby gains himself the designation of *Sponsor* for that group, and after the compact and intensive instruction, probably becomes the Commander of the Post that results.

¶ At once Nine Meetings—or *Nine Councils*—are held, at which all prospective members are supposed to be present. If these councils are held a week apart, it means that this period of intensive instruction consumes precisely two months. But regardless of the current crisis, it takes that time for members to assimilate mentally what they get in those councils.

Understand, the councils are not supposed to consist of any rehash or repetition of the general educational material that has been contained in the Primers. They do not purport to take up time enlightening members in the national mischief, which material is all in those Primers. The councils are exclusively intensive training courses for rookies in Silvershirt work and Post activity. In other words, after the rookie has become properly wrought up at what he has gleaned for himself out of the Four Primers, the councils say to him in essence: "Now here's how the Silvershirts mean to apply such knowledge in specific Post activity, and if you go forward and form, or get into, a Post, this is definitely what you must understand as being required of you. If, after attending the nine councils, you can't see the work as feasible or to your liking, then is the time for you to quit and back out—not after you've been taken into a Post and the rest of the men want to buckle down to action."

When such Sponsor has sent in the list of his prospective councillors and been recognized by Headquarters, he will begin to receive at weekly intervals copies of Nine Booklets. They will be small pocket affairs, bound in green covers, and are for his use in imparting the instruction to the Council. Here is a summary of each contents—

- 1 "THE REDS ARE UPON US!"—This first booklet concentrates on just who the Reds are, precisely what they are plotting, and *how their local program should be smashed.*
- 2 "WHY PICK ON THE JEWS?"—This second booklet concentrates on which Jews are responsible for what has happened to the nation, what Jewry truly wants, and *how we must defeat it.*
- 3 "ROOSEVELT'S RED RACKET"—This third booklet concentrates on the inside formation of the usurping Washington Gang, what sustains it, and *how it can be checkmated.*
- 4 "SKULLS FOR SALE!"—This fourth booklet goes into the deviltry of what the Reds expect to "pull off" presently, what counteracts it, and *what program constructively replaces it.*
- 5 "MARPLOTS BY MOSES"—This fifth booklet outlines what the American Jews are consummating, what messes up their plans, and *what the Silvershirts would more wholesomely substitute.*
- 6 "AFTER ROOSEVELT, WHAT?"—This sixth booklet outlines what the lasting effects of New-Dealism might easily be, what counter-measures ruin them, and *what comes in, instead.*
- 7 "REDS ON THE RUN"—This seventh booklet describes what we Silvershirts want to see happen, the wrong ways of achieving it, and *how Posts would accomplish it correctly.*
- 8 "THIS WAY, LITTLE JEW!"—This eighth booklet outlines the Silvershirt prescription for settlement of the Jewish question, possible abuses of it, and *how to avert them.*
- 9 "AMERICA CONVALESCENT!"—This ninth and last booklet considers what the Silvershirts aspire to see become the order in America, the mistakes they could easily make, and *how to arrive at achievements that are permanent.*

You will note from this prospectus of the Council Training that each council meeting tackles a different phase and angle of the problem, recognizes the problem as it is at present, who makes it a

problem, and what the constructive alternatives may be in each instance—so that each Council instruction stands on its own bottom and is complete in itself.

But this is the important point: These Little Green Booklets are not merely printed pages of information which any individual might as easily read for himself, if copies were sent him. They rather consist of a series of Questions on the subjects touched upon. The Sponsor in each case asks the questions, then calls on the novice Silvershirt to use his brains and answer it. Whereupon such answers are compared with the Master Answers in the booklets to see how adroitly the rookies have grasped the intelligence. But the trend and essence of each booklet, as it is gone through and dispensed with, is to point the way to the correct action that is coming in the Post. By the time the rookie has been a faithful attendant at Nine Councils, he knows as much about the Silvershirts, and precisely what to do when he is taken into a Post, as the oldest veteran member.

When, as, and if, the Nine Councils are faithfully held, and there is no established Post in the locality to which the Council-trained rookie can apply, then those who have taken the Council-instruction should apply to Headquarters and obtain a charter for their own Post. But a Post should not be attempted until there are at least 25 Council-trained or veteran Silvershirts in a given community. Long before the Ninth Council has been held, however, Headquarters will check with the Sponsor on this, and counsel as to imminent Post formation.

After having held the Nine Councils, if the members have augmented their numbers of enlightened rookies so that they have the required 25 Post members, and they proceed to form such a Post, then the Council which was the embryo for that Post continues as an adjunct committee (Investigation Committee) for that Post, and under a Sponsor appointed by that Post, continues to put new applicants through the same "course of sprouts." . . .

If, after having completed the Nine Councils, the members do not want to form an open Post, they may continue to exist as a Private Coagulation of Silvershirts, which is coming to be termed by Headquarters a *Billet*. . . . A Billet is a closed and permanent unit of Silvershirts who for reasons of their own cannot be known as Post affiliates but who keep in private touch with each other

as a group, are in regular touch with Headquarters as a unit, and exist as a segregated reservoir of man-power for the concentrated Silver Horde in the event that national conditions make private attendance immaterial. In other words, a Billet is a sub rosa knot of sympathetic but more or less inactive Silvershirts who help to sustain the movement privately, keep in touch with its expansion, do such personal liaison work as the Chief may request, and use the knowledge they have gained in the Councils to advance the movement undercover and as expediency may dictate. No charter is issued for a Billet. It is simply a Council that has absorbed the necessary instruction and is generally standing-by for future activity as the national situation warrants.

It should be understood by all Sponsors, or prospective Silvershirts who desire to form Councils, that the meetings of such Councils are not necessarily private affairs, and that whatever friends or interested prospects want to come into them, should be encouraged to do so. Women as well as men may attend the Councils and be members thereof, but when the Council is dismissed by affiliation with the Post as Investigation Committee, or by assuming the status of a Billet, the women go into a Chapel and the men into the

Post. Of course, it should go without saying that people invited to Council gatherings should be known and reasonably vouched for, by someone present. On the other hand, no harm can possibly result from the Instruction if sobeit a spy does unwittingly get in. By inviting new people to these Council gatherings, the supply of prospective Silvershirts may be kept up. If they join midway of the Council instructions, and want the whole of them, or if the interest of new groups of prospective Silvershirts is aroused, a Sponsor can be arranged for, and the Councils go right around the order of Instruction over again. By turning back to Green Booklet One, after Booklet Nine has done its work, the new people may thus be served, and the process continue indefinitely so long as new rookies flock to the Legion.

This then, is the general explanation proffered to veteran or novice Silvershirts for effecting an astute, trained, and efficient organization. If there is no particular Silvershirt activity in your vicinity, *get it started!* You are not obligated to "go on the spot" or take any public action until you have learned just what it is supposed to comprise. Thereat you can go forward or back out, of your personal election.

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